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1. Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/67/457/Add.2, para. 142, draft resolution XVI); report of the Fifth Committee[2] [item 69 (b)]
2. Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/67/457/Add.3, para. 29, draft resolution I); report of the Fifth Committee[2] [item 69 (c)]
3. Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing common international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms: report of the First Committee (A/67/409, para. 94, draft resolution IV); report of the Fifth Committee[2] [item 94 (b)]
4. Reports of the Fifth Committee
5. Election of five members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission [item 110 (c)]

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[1]To be resumed following the adjournment of the meeting of the Fifth Committee.
[2]To be issued.

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6. Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences: note by the Secretary-General (A/67/107) [item 111 (f)]

7. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [item 124]

   (a) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/67/602)

   (b) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/67/652)

   (c) Draft decision (A/67/L.51)

8. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [item 125]

   (a) Letter from the Secretary-General (A/67/574)

   (b) Letter from the President of the Security Council (A/67/653)

   (c) Draft decision (A/67/L.52)

Press conferences

The schedule is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at www.un.org/sg/spokesperson/confschedule.asp.

[No Spokesperson's noon briefing and press conferences are scheduled on *Monday, 24 December 2012*.]

Survey of Conference Services

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Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

Announcements

The agenda of the sixty-seventh regular session of the General Assembly is contained in document A/67/251 (see document A/67/252 for the allocation of items). Annotations can be found in document A/67/100 and A/67/100/Add.1. The programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly during the main part of its sixty-seventh session are contained in document A/INF/67/4/Rev.1. Inscription on the list of speakers, on a first-come, first-served basis, for the items listed in this document is now open. For inscription, please call 1 (212) 963-5063 (rooms S-3055 and S-3082). For the submission of a draft resolution for the plenary, please call 1 (212) 963-3818 (room S-3053). Please *click here* for the guidelines for submission of draft resolutions in the General Assembly.

Since the issuance of the programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings of the General Assembly (A/INF/67/4/Rev.1), the following changes have been made:

(a) The date of recess of the main part of the session, originally scheduled for Friday, 21 December, *has been postponed* to Monday, 24 December 2012;

(b) Consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 20 (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development), originally scheduled for Friday, 21 December, *has been postponed* to a later date to be announced; and

(c) Consideration of agenda items 33 (Prevention of armed conflict), 34 (Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development), 35 (Zone of peace and cooperation of the South Atlantic), 39 (The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan) and 120 (Multilingualism), originally scheduled for Monday, 17 December, *has been postponed* to a later dated to be announced.

Economic and Social Council

Organizational session for 2013

The Economic and Social Council will hold a meeting on Friday, 25 January 2013, at 10:00, in the Economic and Social Council Chamber (NLB), to elect the President and other members of its Bureau for 2013. The provisional annotated agenda for the organizational session will be issued in document E/2013/2.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme, of the United Nations Population Fund and of the United Nations Office for Project Services

In accordance with Executive Board decision 2006/14 and rule 7 of the rules of procedure, the Executive Board will hold a formal meeting for the purpose of electing a new President and other members of the Bureau, on Monday, 7 January 2013, from 11:30 to 12:30, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

Pre-session informal consultation

A pre-session informal consultation of the Executive Board will take place on Monday, 14 January 2013, from 10:30 to 11:30, followed by an informal consultation on draft decisions, from 11:30 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

First regular session 2013

The first regular session 2013 of the Executive Board of UNDP, UNFPA and UNOPS will be held from Monday, 28 January, to Friday, 1 February 2013, in Conference Room 2 (NLB). The provisional agenda, list of documents and workplan for the session are contained in document DP/2013/L.1.

Member States, as well as observers and other organizations attending the session, are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the Executive Board (e-mail marcela.romero@undp.org; fax 1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, *but no later than Monday, 21 January 2013*.

The upcoming first regular session 2013 will be the first PaperSmart session of the Executive Board. Instead of distributing hard copies, all official documentation will be available on the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal. Delegations are invited to send electronic copies of their statements by e-mail to the PaperSmart Secretariat (e-mail papersmart@un.org), at least two hours in advance of their speaking slot. The statements will be distributed electronically via the PaperSmart Portal at the time of delivery, and will be under embargo until then. Delegations are kindly requested to provide 15 hard copies of official statements for interpretation and other services. Please note that hard copies of statements will not be distributed by conference services during the session.

A printing-on-demand service will be made available to members of the Executive Board and observer delegations upon request, with a dedicated desk set up for this in the conference room. Delegations are encouraged to carry their laptops, tablets and/or other mobile devices to be able to access the official documents and statements from the Executive Board PaperSmart Portal.

Joint meeting

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS, UNICEF, UN-Women and WFP will take place on Monday, 4 February 2013, in Conference Room 4 (NLB).

Forthcoming other activities

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Briefing to Member States and Permanent Observers on "Activities of the United Nations Counter-Terrorism Center (UNCCT)/Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Office"

Wednesday, 16 January 2013, from 11:00 to 13:00, in Conference Room 5 (NLB).

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nargiza Turapova, UNCCT/CTITF (e-mail turapova@un.org; tel. 1 (917) 367-5658).]

Announcements

Training for delegates and staff of permanent missions

The Dag Hammarskjöld Library will conduct the following training for delegates and staff of permanent missions in Room DC2-1142, in English, on the dates indicated below. All interested are kindly requested to register by e-mail (librarytraining@un.org) or by telephone (1 (212) 963-5321).

Overview of the Dag Hammarskjöld Library resources and databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Wednesday, 9 January 2013.

Overview of the Legal Library (from 16:00 to 17:00)

Tuesday, 15 January 2013.

Advanced research using subscription databases (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Wednesday, 23 January 2013.

Security Council documentation (new) (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 24 January 2013.

Introduction to United Nations documents (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Friday, 25 January 2013.

Introduction to e-Books (from 10:00 to 12:00)

Thursday, 31 January 2013.

United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, 2013

Applications for the 2013 United Nations International Law Fellowship Programme, scheduled to be held at the Peace Palace in The Hague, Netherlands, from Monday, 24 June, to Friday, 2 August 2013, are now being accepted. The deadline for applications is *Thursday, 31 January 2013*.

The Fellowship Programme will be conducted in English this year. For further information, including application forms, please consult the International Law Fellowship Programme Web site at www.un.org/law/ilfp; or contact the Codification Division (e-mail ilfp@un.org).

Summary of official meetings

Friday, 21 December 2012

General Assembly

Sixty-seventh session

61st plenary meeting

Reports of the Second Committee

The Rapporteur of the Second Committee introduced the reports of the Committee on agenda items 17 to 26, 61, 116 and 131.

Under rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Second Committee which were before the Assembly.

Information and communications technologies for development: report of the Second Committee (A/67/434) [item 17]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 20 of its report (A/67/434) and the draft decision recommended in paragraph 21 of the same report, as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 67/194)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 67/195)	Adopted
Draft decision I	Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 17.

Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/67/435) [item 18]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/67/435).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 18.

International trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/67/435/Add.1) [item 18 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/67/435/Add.1) (resolution 67/196).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 18.

International financial system and development: report of the Second Committee (A/67/435/Add.2) [item 18 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/67/435/Add.2) (resolution 67/197).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 18.

External debt sustainability and development: report of the Second Committee (A/67/435/Add.3) [item 18 (c)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/67/435/Add.3) (resolution 67/198).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 18 and of agenda item 18 as a whole.

Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the 2008 Review Conference: report of the Second Committee (A/67/436) [item 19]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/67/436) (resolution 67/199).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 19.

Sustainable development: report of the Second Committee (A/67/437) [item 20]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 28 of its report (A/67/437), as follows:

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution I (resolution 67/200)		Adopted	
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 67/201)	172	9	5
Draft resolution III (recorded vote) (resolution 67/202)	141	31	11

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote after the vote.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Saudi Arabia and the Sudan.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 20.

Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development and of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development: report of the Second Committee (A/67/437/Add.1) [item 20 (a)]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/67/437/Add.1), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 67/203)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 67/204)	Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 20.

Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: report of the Second Committee (A/67/437/Add.2) [item 20 (b)]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I to III recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 21 of its report (A/67/437/Add.2) and the draft decision recommended in paragraph 22 of the same report, as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 67/205)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 67/206)	Adopted
Draft resolution III (resolution 67/207)	Adopted
Draft decision I	Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 20.

International Strategy for Disaster Reduction: report of the Second Committee (A/67/437/Add.3) [item 20 (c)]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/67/437/Add.3), as follows:

Draft resolution I (resolution 67/208)	Adopted
Draft resolution II (resolution 67/209)	Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (c) of agenda item 20.

Protection of global climate for present and future generations of humankind: report of the Second Committee (A/67/437/Add.4) [item 20 (d)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/67/437/Add.4) (resolution 67/210).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (d) of agenda item 20.

Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/67/437/Add.5) [item 20 (e)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/67/437/Add.5) (resolution 67/211).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (e) of agenda item 20.

Convention on Biological Diversity: report of the Second Committee (A/67/437/Add.6) [item 20 (f)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/67/437/Add.6) (resolution 67/212).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (f) of agenda item 20.

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twelfth special session: report of the Second Committee (A/67/437/Add.7) [item 20 (g)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/67/437/Add.7) (resolution 67/213).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (g) of agenda item 20.

Harmony with Nature: report of the Second Committee (A/67/437/Add.8) [item 20 (h)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/67/437/Add.8) (resolution 67/214).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 20.

Promotion of new and renewable sources of energy: report of the Second Committee (A/67/437/Add.9) [item 20 (i)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/67/437/Add.9) (resolution 67/215).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 20.

Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat): report of the Second Committee (A/67/438) [item 21]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/67/438) (resolution 67/216).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 21.

Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/67/439) [item 22]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/67/439).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 22.

Globalization and interdependence: report of the Second Committee (A/67/439/Add.1) [item 22 (a)]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/67/439/Add.1), as follows:

	Yes	*No*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution II (recorded vote) (resolution 67/217)	132	47	5

Draft resolution II
(resolution 67/218) Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 22.

International migration and development: report of the Second Committee (A/67/439/Add.2) [item 22 (b)]

By 129 votes to 3, with 49 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 10 of its report (A/67/439/Add.2) (resolution 67/219).

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Iceland (also on behalf of Australia, Liechtenstein, New Zealand, Norway and Switzerland) and Israel.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 22 and of agenda item 22 as a whole.

Groups of countries in special situations: report of the Second Committee (A/67/440) [item 23]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/67/440).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 23.

Follow-up to the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: report of the Second Committee (A/67/440/Add.1) [item 23 (a)]

The General Assembly proceeded to take action on draft resolutions I and II recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 14 of its report (A/67/440/Add.1), as follows:

Draft resolution I
(resolution 67/220) Adopted

Draft resolution II
(resolution 67/221) Adopted

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 23.

Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/67/440/Add.2) [item 23 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/67/440/Add.2) (resolution 67/222).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 23 and of agenda item 23 as a whole.

Eradication of poverty and other development issues: report of the Second Committee (A/67/441) [item 24]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 11 of its report (A/67/441) (resolution 67/223).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 24.

Implementation of the Second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017): report of the Second Committee (A/67/441/Add.1) [item 24 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 6 of its report (A/67/441/Add.1) (resolution 67/224).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 24.

Industrial development cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/67/441/Add.2) [item 24 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 8 of its report (A/67/441/Add.2) (resolution 67/225).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 24 and of agenda item 24 as a whole.

Operational activities for development: report of the Second Committee (A/67/442) [item 25]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/67/442).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 25.

Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system: report of the Second Committee (A/67/442/Add.1) [item 25 (a)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/67/442/Add.1) (resolution 67/226).

Statements in explanation of vote after adoption were made by the representatives of the United States and the United Republic of Tanzania.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 25.

South-South cooperation: report of the Second Committee (A/67/442/Add.2) [item 25 (b)]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 9 of its report (A/67/442/Add.2) (resolution 67/227).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 25 and of agenda item 25 as a whole.

Agriculture development and food security: report of the Second Committee (A/67/443) [item 26]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/67/443) (resolution 67/228).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 26.

Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/67/444) [item 61]

By 170 votes to 7, with 9 abstentions (recorded vote), the General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 12 of its report (A/67/444) (resolution 67/229).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 61.

Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Second Committee (A/67/445) [item 116]

The General Assembly adopted the draft decision recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 5 of its report (A/67/445).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 116.

Programme planning: report of the Second Committee (A/67/446) [item 131]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the Second Committee (A/67/446).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 131.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of all the reports of the Second Committee before it.

The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order: draft resolution (A/67/L.49) [item 16]

The representative of Guyana made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/67/L.49.

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa, Singapore and Malaysia.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/67/L.49 (resolution 67/230).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 16.

Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations: draft resolution (A/67/L.50) [item 70 (a)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 70.

The representative of Algeria (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/67/L.50.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/67/L.50 (resolution 67/231).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (a) of agenda item 70.

Programme of work

The General Assembly was informed that the consideration of draft decision A/67/L.48 was postponed to the next meeting of the Assembly, to be held that day, Friday, 21 December, at 15:00.

62nd plenary meeting

The summary of the 62nd plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2012/245).

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

22nd meeting — The summary of the 22nd meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2012/245).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

The dates indicated correspond to the dates of receipt of the relevant documents, except for the signatures.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Agreement on the International Carriage of Perishable Foodstuffs and on the Special Equipment to be used for such Carriage (ATP). Geneva, 1 September 1970

Accession: Turkey (21 December 2012)

Convention on the contract for the international carriage of passengers and luggage by road (CVR). Geneva, 1 March 1973

Accession: Moldova (19 December 2012)

Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the Protocol amending the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961. New York, 8 August 1975

Objection to the reservation contained in the communication by the Plurinational State of Bolivia: Sweden (21 December 2012)

United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. Montego Bay, 10 December 1982

Declaration under article 287: Madagascar (20 December 2012)

Food Assistance Convention. London, 25 April 2012

Signature: Australia (21 December 2012)

Signature: Finland (21 December 2012)

Acceptance: Finland (21 December 2012)

Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (Seoul, 12 November 2012)

Opening for signature

The Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products, which was adopted during the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, by decision FCTC/COP5 (1) of 12 November 2012, will be open for signature at a signing ceremony to be held in Geneva, Switzerland, on Thursday, 10, and Friday, 11 January 2013, and, thereafter, at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

In accordance with its article 43, the Protocol shall be open for signature by all parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control at World Health Organization Headquarters in Geneva on Thursday, 10, and Friday, 11 January 2013, and thereafter at United Nations Headquarters in New York until Wednesday, 9 January 2014.

Certified true copies of the Protocol, of which the Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish texts are equally authentic, are being printed and will be transmitted to all States as soon as possible. Electronic certified true copies of the Protocol are posted in the United Nations Treaty Collection Web site (please *click here*).

The Secretary-General takes this opportunity to recall that, under established international practice, only Heads of State, Heads of Government or Ministers for Foreign Affairs are empowered, by virtue of their functions, to sign treaties on behalf of States without having to produce full powers to that effect. Other representatives of States wishing to sign the Protocol must be in possession of appropriate full powers emanating from one of these authorities.

The Secretary-General would be obliged if parties to the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control wishing to sign the Protocol could, as necessary, provide the required full powers in advance to the Treaty Section, Office of Legal Affairs, at United Nations Headquarters in New York (fax 1 (212) 963-3693).

For more information on full powers, please refer to the *Treaty Handbook on the United Nations Treaty Collection* (please *click here*).

General information

Chairs of the regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2012* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Central African Republic
His Excellency Charles-Armel Doubane

Asia-Pacific States:
Republic of Korea
His Excellency Kim Sook

Eastern European States:
Georgia
His Excellency Alexander Lomaia

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Paraguay
His Excellency José Antonio Dos Santos

Western European and other States:
Canada
His Excellency Guillermo Rishchynski

Security Council

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Web of the presidency

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Recorded information

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